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Operation Restore Hope at work year round!

Many people don't realise that even when our surgical teams aren't operating in the Philippines that clinics are still being run by our volunteers.

These clinics which are held at the hospitals in which we work are to



screen the children for surgery, to educate their families on the special needs of their children (how to care for them both before and after surgery) as well as programs to medicate children with chronic problems like asthma or tuberculosis so that they will be fit for surgery.

While all this is taking place in the Philippines, our teams of volunteers here need the whole year working and planning to amass the medical supplies, equipment and personnel as well as to have the children ready so that we can do

over a hundred of operations in the few weeks we are operating.

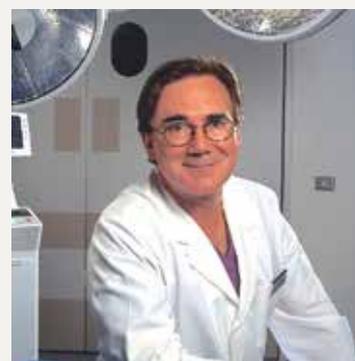
We have a Filipino Ladies Fundraising Committee as well as a medical supply committee and our medical volunteers who are constantly planning not only to 'keep up the good work' but to expand and improve it with each mission.

One of Operation Restore Hope's children before and 1 and 3 years after surgery.

Membership renewals are now due, so if you are already a member you should be receiving a reminder in the mail. If not, why not show your support and become a member. It only costs \$10 per year with a one

time \$10 application fee. Please contact us at Operation Restore Hope on 02 9362 7480.

A Letter from Dr Hodgkinson



Operation Restore Hope prepares to take off

Operation Restore Hope is once again on its way to the Philippines in November of 2004. Three teams of surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and volunteers will head to Manila and Cebu to treat children with birth defects and deformities, especially cleft lip and palate. We expect to do at least 150 operations during the November mission.

These missions are a major undertaking as we have to provide not only the doctors, nurses and equipment but also every glove, suture and medication used. It's quite a logistical challenge throughout the year in both Australia and The Philippines. While the children are screened and treated for health problems to prepare them for surgery in the Philippines, we here in Australia are amassing the goods that will make this surgical mission possible.

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140 children helped by ORH Mission



Team of Volunteers in one of the theatres at Paraque Hospital
Right: Happy to be included in pre-mission patient screening

A few months ago in November, 140 children received an early Christmas present, the ability to smile and be smiled back at from Operation Restore Hope! Three teams operated over a two week period to make this miracle possible.

Surgeons from Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Germany as well as Anaesthetists, Dentists, Nurses and even a Radiologist all gave their time to make last year's missions amongst the best ever.



Australian Filipino volunteers return to give back

What has made each year better is the number of volunteers from the Filipino community of Australia who come to give something back to their homeland by giving its children a chance for the future. We are already planning this year's missions and already have surgeons committed as well as some great plans for fun fundraising.

MEMBERSHIPS

If you didn't renew for 2004, please do so soon as 2004 renewals are now due. If you are not a member, why not join. Membership costs only \$10 per year with a one time \$10 application fee. Membership is your way of saying, "Thank You", to our volunteers, "Keep up the good work!" You can contact ORH on 02 9362 7480 or at ORH@operationrestyorehope.org.

INVITATION TO A SPECIAL CONCERT!

Operation Restore Hope is thrilled that Miss Roanne Monte, star of Miss Saigon in London's West End has agreed to appear at its bi-annual concert in the Stamford Plaza Grand Ballroom in Double Bay.

This year's concert is going to be a fabulous production of musical numbers from everyone's

favourite Broadway Musicals featuring some very talented young Australian and Filipino voices. The afternoon is being produced especially for Operation Restore Hope and all proceeds will go directly to the children with birth defects and deformities.

In fact the ticket prize of \$60 includes not only the concert but a sumptuous afternoon tea that the Stamford Plaza has kept up from its predecessors – the Ritz Carlton

who made afternoon tea famous. The performance is to take place Sunday 12 September at 2:00 for 2:30 pm and is sure to be an event that people will be talking about until the next concert in two years time. Don't miss your special chance to attend.

To make a reservation send your cheque for \$60 per person to Operation Restore Hope c/o S. Wescott, 17 Coonah Parade, Riverview 2066 or for enquiries phone Operation Restore Hope on 9362 7480 or one of our committee members as follows:

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